HOPE—Home Outreach for Personal Excellence

HOPE is an agency model in-home services program offered by the Center.

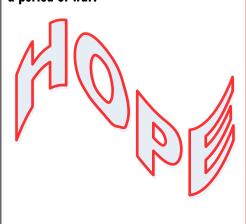
Through the program, a client can receive home care aide services.

A variety of funding sources are available including Medicaid, private pay, and some VA funding.

We provide client oriented, specially trained staff that is dedicated to helping individuals maintain independence by staying in their own home. Services include: RN visits, meal preparation, personal care, homemaker services, shopping, advanced personal care, and respite.

We also will work with veterans who qualify for medically related personal care services by serving at least 90 days active military with at

least one day beginning or ending during a period of war.



Independent Living is having the opportunity to make decisions that affect your life—limited only in the same manner as a person without a disability.

The programs are consumercontrolled and consumer directed. The consumer makes the decision regarding goals and how to reach the goals.

Since the needs of individuals vary, the services available at the Center will vary from consumer to consumer.



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Our vision: To eliminate the walls between people with disabilities and the community

Non-Residential Independent Living Center Serving Phelps, Pulaski, and Laclede counties

MISSION STATEMENT AND CORE SERVICES

<u>Mission</u>—To eliminate physical and attitudinal barriers.

Advocacy—Individual for those who may need assistance in obtaining benefits, employment, housing, and other issues and Systems including rallying for changes in the community to enhance the quality of life for all persons.

Independent Living Skills—training to help persons gain skills that will allow them to

live more independently and be an active part of their community including budgeting and personal skills.

<u>Information and Referral</u>—resource for information regarding housing, trans-

portation, disabilities, personal care attendants, interpreters, employment, and many other services.

Peer Support—at least 51% of the staff has a disability. "People with disabilities that help people with disabilities" is a description of peer support.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Equipment Loan Program—we loan a variety of items such as walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, and more. Subject to availability and need.

Lending Library/Computer Library—we have information regarding housing, disabilities, benefits and a variety of other topics as well as computers with internet access.

<u>Home Modifications</u>—we aid in the process of modifying consumers' homes to make them more accessible. There may be a cost for this service depending on income/debt.

Telecommunication Access Program—TAP is a resource for persons with hearing disabilities, low vision, mobility issues, and disabilities relating to speech enabling them to obtain assistive telephones. There is no cost to the consumer.

Community Education/Training—We offer various training programs to businesses, schools, service agencies, and individuals covering such topics as disability awareness and prevention.

This service is free to the public.

<u>ADA Surveys</u>—We have an ADA Surveyor. Call us if you would like us to survey for accessibility. We also provide surveys for businesses, organizations, and housing.

Consumer Directed Personal Care Ser-

vices—a Medicaid funded program allowing eligible individuals to hire the attendant of their choice to provide services in the home including: personal care, meal preparation, housekeeping, laundry, and transportation. To qualify for this program, you must have a permanent disability with a need for inhome services, you must be Medicaid active, you must be at least 18 years old, and you must be able to direct your own care. You are the employer. You must hire and monitor your attendants.